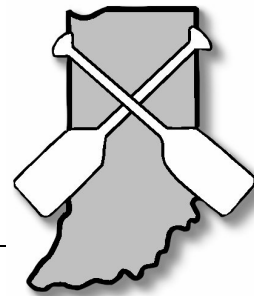


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Note For the Skipper CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Dwon Miller recently received the Kiwanis clubs of Muncie "Good Samaritan of the Year" and, also, the "Key to the City of Muncie" award from Mayor Dan Canan at the Holy Week Prayer Breakfast. Many people do volunteer work and do it often. There are few who dedicate over 50 years to the same cause, in this case Red Cross. Dwon began with becoming a Junior Lifesaver at camp. He has gone on to be an instructor in First Aid, CPR, Lifeguarding, Water Safety, Canoeing and Boating and more. He also volunteers at the State Fair, 500 parade, and shows at the Fairgrounds at the First Aid stations. He is on the national Red Cross Disaster Team and goes out to hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, major fires, and spent 24 days in New York City after 9/11. He seeks no personal recognition for his services, but was honored to be recognized.

Memorial Service for Marilyn Chick May 23, 2004

On Sunday, May 23, 2004 Marilyn's family and I are planning a memorial service to honor and commemorate her life. Marilyn was my best friend and companion for thirty years. We were married almost twenty years to the day. She died of a rare cancer on May 25, 2003. Marilyn was a member of the Hoosier Canoe Club for nearly two decades and well known to many of you. She attended many club functions and edited this newsletter for a number of years.

HCC'rs who desire to celebrate her beautiful life are warmly invited to join us for the service and a reception to be held at the Eagle's Crest at Eagle Creek Park. The family would also cherish any written remembrances or photos sent in advance to place in her memory book.

Memorial Service

North United Methodist Church
3808 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana
1:30 p.m. EST

Reception

Eagle's Crest
7201 Fishback Road
Indianapolis, Indiana
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to me or Marilyn's parents if you will attend the service and/or reception. Remembrances can be directed to me or to Marilyn's parents.

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The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Upcoming Trip Events

Whitewater Trip Announcements

East Race Swiftwater Rescue Class

May 15-16 ?

We're working to put together another Swiftwater Rescue class at the East Race this spring. The likely date is May 15-16 pending final approval from the East Race folks. Hopefully Phil Meyer will be available again to teach the course. He put on an excellent rescue class last fall at East Race.

Phil is an ACA certified rescue instructor which makes this course a real bargain compared to taking the same training at commercial outdoor schools.

Students are required to be HCC or ERWWKC members and ACA members as well. Non-ACA members pay an additional \$6 event fee for insurance. The East Race folks may require us to use a city employee to operate the gates this year so there may be an additional fee to cover this and/or other expenses. This class is intended to benefit all club canoers and kayakers who paddle moving water, not just whitewater boaters.

The class involves a lot of swimming and wading in the Race so bring warm river gear and sturdy shoes, as well as personal safety gear, throwbag, PFD, helmet, boat and paddle. A cooler, drinks and lunch are a good idea. We usually meet ready to go at 10am.

Please check the club bulletin board for final details: [http://defydigital.com/~makrez/vbb/upload/index.php?](http://defydigital.com/~makrez/vbb/upload/index.php?http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/)
<http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/>

You must pre-register for this class. Contact Jordan Ross: H 317-293-3949, C 317-460-7000 jross@iquest.net

Wisconsin Whitewater

Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2004

This annual event is always a big hit with new and experienced boaters alike. We do as many as five different sections of river in three days, including Section III & IV of the Wolf, the Red, the Peshtigo and, for advanced paddlers, Piers Gorge of the Menominee. There are other rivers to run in the area if water levels permit and pretty flatwater sections for family paddling as well.

I have reserved a group camp site that accommodates 12 at the Bear Paw Outdoor Resort just south of Langlade, WI. They also have individual campsites, rustic cabins and furnished cabins available. The Bear Paw has an outfitter store and serves excellent breakfasts. Other folks will be staying at the Raft n' Rest campground.

If you plan to come, and would like a spot in the group camp site please let me know by phone or e-mail (put WISCONSIN in the subject so my junk filter will leave it alone). Jordan Ross H 317-293-3949 C 317-460-7000 jross@iquest.net

Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort N3494 Highway 55 White Lake, WI 54491 715-882-3502
www.bearpawoutdoors.com

CANOE & KAYAK SYMPOSIA

By: Reggie Baker

I noted with interest in the last newsletter a listing of some upcoming Canoe/Kayak Symposia. Having attended or worked at the four largest symposia east of the Rockies, I thought I would throw in my two cents.

First, anyone interested in purchasing a new canoe, kayak or even an expensive paddle, should paddle a wide selection to assist in making an informed decision. This is generally a problem with local outdoor specialty shops. None of the shops in the Indy metro area are located on a body of water to facilitate demos. J.L. Waters in Bloomington has conducted Monday night paddles to demo boats a customer may be interested in. Galyans has their spring demo day at Ft. Ben State Park May 2nd. But, that's about it and the selection is very limited.

What's a guy or gal to do? Attend a symposium!

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Flatwater Trip Announcements

Full Moon Paddle on Eagle Creek

May 4, 2004

Come paddle all the full moons of the summer with me. The first one will be the first Tuesday evening in May. At this time we will meet at the Marina as for the Tuesday Evening paddles. I am trying to get a different put-in so that we aren't caught behind the closed gate of the park. Call me for last minute details. Remember to bring a flash-light for the front of your boat for safety. This is not an ACA/HCC sponsored event. Contact Shirley Gates 317-852-9809 or sjgates@msn.com

Tuesday Evening Paddle at Eagle Creek Reservoir And Sunset Canoe Trips

May 11, 2004

At Eagle Creek starting in May and continuing through September. Again this year the Eagle Creek Reservoir will be available for the HCC Tuesday evening paddle sessions. We will meet at the Marina (inside the park) at 5:30 PM. Show the gate attendant your HCC pass to be admitted free. Please note: we have been given permission to use the Marina for put-in only. **In exchange for the free passes we are asked to provide safety boaters for the Eagle Creek Park Sunset canoe trips and to continue the Triathlon coverage.** These trips start the first Wednesday of June (June 2). 7 pm to 8:30 pm. This is not an ACA/HCC sponsored event. Contact Shirley Gates for more information. If we each give one evening of assistance per summer we would have more help than we needed. 317-852-9809 or sjgates@msn.com

Mississinewa River Trip

May 15 (Saturday)

Join us again for a paddle on the Mississinewa. Meet at the truck stop at I-69 exit 45 and State Highway 28 at 9:00 on Saturday, May 15. Bring your lunch, boat, PFD, etc. We will either do the section from Albany to Eaton or from Matthews to Gas City. Since I listed this in the trip list as an ACA sanctioned event, bring your ACA card or be prepared to pay your \$6.00 Event Fee which I will forward on the club treasurer for handling. Please RSVP. Roger Ritchie 765-358-4059 rcritchie@iquest.net

Current River, Missouri 2004

May 26-31, 2004

Let us spend our Memorial Day weekend this year on the cool, clear waters in Missouri. Class I-II water --but it's always moving. This is suitable for canoes, kayaks, sit-upons or inner-tubes if you don't mind a "blue" posterior. We will camp at the Shannondale Community Center on Highway 19, south of Salem and north of Eminence. Peaceful Point has been reserved for us. Cost of the campground will be \$5./person/night or \$13/person/electrical sites. There are many options to choose from in this area; sight-seeing, boating, shopping, or just plain relaxin'. Come for all the days or for however many you can. See you on the river. This is not an ACA/HCC sponsored event. Contact Shirley Gates [317-852-9809](tel:317-852-9809)---sjgates@msn.com

Blue River

June 5-6, 2004 --overnight

Come paddle Indiana's only designated scenic river. This is a class I-II river suitable for all ages and styles of boats. On Saturday we will paddle from Milltown (below the dam) to Rothrock Mill (13 miles). Camping will be at the Stagestop Campground (primitive)--a part of the Harrison-Crawford State Forrest. Some will be camping at a nearby modern campground for the electrical hook-up. On Sunday we will paddle from Rothrock Mill to Stagestop (12 miles). Let's meet Sat. at Milltown, In. at 9:45 AM at the DNR Put-in (below the dam). Scenic route to travel down from Indianapolis is to go down St. Rd. 37 south to US 150 east to St. Rd. 66 south to Milltown to the put-in. The faster route is to go down I-65 south to 126 west to US 64 west to In. 64, west out of Corydon into Milltown. Turn into Milltown to reach the river put-in. Please RSVP as this river can change overnight. This is not an ACA/HCC sponsored event. Contact Shirley Gates 317-852-9809 or sjgates@msn.com

DATE(S)	LOCATION	TYPE	SPONSOR	PHONE
February 28	Sugar Creek	Flat/UNSPON	Dwon Miller	765-288-1404
March 20	Sand Creek	Flat/UNSPON	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
April 12	Board Meeting		Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
April 17	Flatrock	Flat/UNSPON	Fred Sanders	812-587-5239
May 4	Eagle Creek	Full moon paddle	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
May 10	HCC Board		Reggie Baker	317-888-3315
May 11	Eagle Creek	Tuesday Paddle	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
May 15	Mississinewa	Flat/SPON	Roger Ritchie	765-358-4059
May 26 -31	Current River	Flat	Shirley & Lori Gates	317-852-9809
June 3	Eagle Creek	Full moon paddle	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
June 6	Shelbyville	Triathlon	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
June 7	Board Meeting		Donna Sanders	812-587-5239
June 5-6	Blue River	Flat	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
June 12	Lake Monroe	Orienteering & Paddling	Galyans - not an HCC event	
June 26	Eagle Creek	Sprint Triathlon	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
June 27	Whitewater R	Flat	Ratermann's	317-845-9069
July 2	Eagle Creek	Full moon paddle	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
July 3	Mystery Trip	Flat	Lori Gates	317-852-5383
July 11	Shelbyville	Triathlon	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
July 10-17	Current River & Jack's Fork	Flat/SPON	Ritchies & Sanders	765-358-4059/ 812-587-5239
July 17	Eagle Creek	Triathlon	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
July 24-25	Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous	Flat - This is not an HCC event.	Garry Hill	
July 31	Eagle Creek	Full moon paddle	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
Aug. 1	Shelbyville	Triathlon	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
Aug. 29	Eagle Creek	Mideast Triathlon	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
Aug 28-29	Ohio River	Canoe races/ Swiss wine fest.	No trip currently planned	
August 30	Eagle Creek	Full moon paddle	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
Sept. 17	HCC Board		Bledsoes / Millers	765-288-1404
Sept 18-19	Raccoon Creek	Cleanout/ chain-saw	Dwon Miller	765-288-1404
Sept. 28	Eagle /Creek	Full moon paddle	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
October 11	HCC Board		Walt Konig	317-640-3151
Oct 16-17	Raccoon Creek	Flat / SPON	Dwon Miller	765-288-1404
October 23	Mystery Trip	Flat /UNSPON	Dwayne James	317-834-3649
Nov. 13	Fall Meeting	Bledsoe's Club-house	Dwon Miller	765-288-1404
Dec 11	HCC Christmas Party		Lori Gates	317-852-5383

HOOSIER CANOE CLUB 2004 FLATWATER TRIP SCHEDULE

HOOSIER CANOE CLUB 2004 WHITEWATER TRIP LIST

DATE(S)	TRIP	TYPE	SPONSOR	PHONE
March 20-21	Spring Whitewater	White, III-IV	Ryan Tragessar	317-913-9377
April 3-4	Saint Francis	White,	Bob Heckler	219-662-6330
April 2-4	Webster Wildwater Weekend, Webster Springs, WV	II-III	Dave Timm	317-298-9048
April 10-12	Ocoee/Tellico/Chatooga	III-IV	Ryan Tragessar	317-913-9377
April 24-25	Stonycreek Festival Johnstown, PA	III-IV	Jordan Ross (need backup)	317-293-3949
May 1-2	Cheat River Festival, Albright, WV	III-IV	David Swingley	765-548-2671
May 15-16	South Bend East Race Safety clinic	II	Jordan Ross (need backup)	317-293-3949
May 29-31	Wisconsin Weekend Langlade, WI	II-IV	Jordan Ross	317-293-3949
June 12	East Race, South	II	Ryan Tragessar	317-913-9377
July 17-18	Lower Yough, Ohiopyle, PA	III	Dave Swingley/ John Brill	765-548-2671/ 937-342-0603
August 7	Upper Yough,	Class V	Bob Heckler	219-662-6330
September 24-26	Gauley Festival Summersville, WV	III-V	Jordan Ross	317-293-3949
Oct 2-3? Oct. 9-10?	Wisconsin Fall Colors Langlade, WI	III-IV	Bob Heckler	219-662-6330
Oct. 2-3	Russell Fork Rendezvous	II-III+	Dave Timm	317-298-9048
Nov. 6-7	Ocoee Last Release Cleveland, TN	III+	Dave Swingley	765-548-2671

Suggested Experience Levels:

Beginner - Roll optional, safety workshop, moving water, Flatrock, Big Pine, (<3'), East Race, Hiawasee.

Intermediate - Reliable pool roll, safety workshop, Big Pine (>3'), Elkhorn, Nantahala, Lower Tellico.

Advanced - Reliable river roll, safety workshop, Lower Yough, New, Ocoee, Cheat Canyon (<2').

Expert - Bombproof roll, ACA safety class, first aid/CPR training, Upper Yough, Big Sandy, Upper Gauley.

WEST MICHIGAN COASTAL KAYAKERS ASSOCIATION

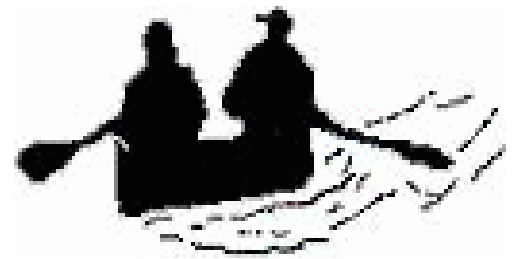
Not going to the big race or paddling whitewater in Wisconsin over the Memorial Day weekend? The West Michigan Coastal Kayak Association (WMCKA) holds its' annual event that weekend at a camp just north of Muskegon. This symposium focuses primarily on improving skills and techniques for folks that already have kayaks. They used to have dealers with demo boats on the beach, but abandoned that last year. Still, if you already have a kayak and are looking at improving skills and attending some fantastic presentations, especially if you like the Greenland paddling style, this show is lots of fun. For more information, go to: www.wmcka.org

GREAT LAKES SEA KAYAK SYMPOSIUM

What could be better than being in Michigan's Upper Peninsula at the doorstep of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore the end of July? The Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium is held annually in Grand Marais, Michigan on beautiful bay on Lake Superior. I lost count of the number of canoes and kayaks that stretched over ½ mile down the sandy beach of the bay, but I bet it was over 300. This is a very down home type of event. There is camping in downtown Grand Marais (which ain't very big). They have a pastie dinner sponsored by the local high school. There are presentations, demos, and fantastic guided trips to Pictured Rocks or Grand Isle. You may find yourself paddling alongside a noted explorer that has rounded Cape Horn or circumnavigated Easter Island or the south island of New Zealand. This is the place to sign up for some of British Canoe Union courses that will challenge your heart and soul. Note: bring your wetsuit or drytop because Lake Superior is mighty chilly even in late July. Other area attractions are the Maritime Museum in Whitefish Bay where the bell of the Edmond Fitzgerald is reverently displayed, or the locks at Sault St. Marie. For more information, go to: www.premiumtechnology.com/mk/great

Trip Report: Flat Rock River April 18, 2004

We put in at the DNR Conservation site on 252 and paddled to the take out at the Flat Rock River DNR site at 550N in Bartholomew County. The blue bells and redbud trees and other trees along the way both in the water and on the bank was viewed and challenged by Linda and Rodger Ritchie, Jack R. Cavanagh, Tom Siddal, Dwayne James, Donna and Fred Sanders. The 12 miles, mild wind, a nice water flow, and 80 degree temperature made for a pleasant and rewarding day. Fred A. Sanders



Condolences

Our condolences to life member Jerry Schoditsch and family on the untimely death of son Lloyd in March. Jerry and Lloyd were very active members a few years back. They were "Chain Saw Gang" members at Racoon Creek and avid kayakers.

Beginning ACA Kayak Instruction

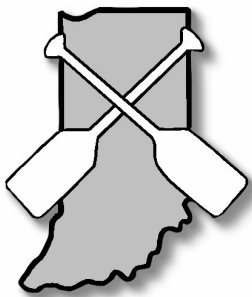
May 15, 2004

Jack Mitenbuler will be offering a beginning kayak instruction class from 10:00 to 12:30 pm on May 15th at the swimming beach at Eagle Creek Park. Sponsored by Gaylan's and Eagle Creek Park. You can pick up a coupon worth \$6 at the Gaylan's in Carmel, the Eagle Creek Park Nature Center, or at Indy Paddlefest at Ft. Ben on May 2nd. Participants will need to bring their own kayak, pfd, paddle, and helmet. Jack needs help from ACA instructors and other volunteers to pull this off. Please contact Rick Turney at Galyan's (317-573-7777) for further information.

2004 Paddlefest

June 27, 2004

The St. Joseph River will be the venue for a 16-mile marathon for seasoned competitors, a two-mile fun race for families and casual paddlers, a seven-mile intermediate race and even a duathlon for runner/paddlers. It will all be part of the third annual Paddlefest celebration, which doubled in size to 200 boats in 2003. The 2004 Paddlefest will be held Sunday, June 27 at St. Patrick's County Park just north of South Bend. For details and registration, log onto www.paddlefest.org or call 574-243-1604. Thank you! Julie Titone Mishawaka member



**Hoosier Canoe Club
Tuesday Night Paddle**

Eagle Creek Park

Free Admission

Valid

May 4 thru Sept 21, 2004

This is your pass to Eagle Creek Park for the Tuesday Night Paddles. Please show it to the attendant for admission to the park. Do not share with Non-Club members.

Sanctioned Events

A Hoosier Canoe Club sanctioned event requires each and every participant to be an ACA/HCC member. You must present your ACA membership card to the trip leader and sign a waiver. If you are not an ACA member, you may participate in two sanctioned events per year by paying a \$6 fee per event and signing a waiver form. Not all Hoosier Canoe Club trips are sanctioned events. You may participate in these by simply signing the trip waiver. A sanctioned event means that the Hoosier Canoe Club will be covered in the event something happens to a participant. The American Canoe Club will provide such coverage to all ACA members and Paddle America Clubs, which the Hoosier Canoe Club is and will continue to be as long as the majority of members who participate in sanctioned events are both ACA and HCC members.

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with paddles, PFD clip,
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All for \$650
Contact John Litel
317-541-9199

Be a Trip Sponsor

HCC Logo Items

The Hoosier Canoe Club has hats, shirts, and other logo items available. Clothing items are embroidered with the club name and a choice of kayak or canoe logo.

River Caps\$9.50
High Brim Caps.....\$8.00
Polar Fleece\$29.95
Golf Shirts\$19.95
Bumper Stickers\$1.00

You may place a phone order with Shirley Gates or she will have items for sale at all major HCC events.

-Shirley Gates-
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